Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 06 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 07 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Oct 2023 at 16:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Friday. High for a wet day on Saturday. Low for extent of rain on Sunday, but increasing confidence for drier weather early next week.

Headline for Friday 06 Oct 2023: Mainly dry and very windy with sunny intervals. Rain in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 06 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	10%	00%	00%	30%	80%

Forecast for Friday 06 Oct 2023

Weather: Chance of a light shower across the west of the region at first. Otherwise largely dry with bright spells through daylight hours. Thickening cloud will bring rain from the west through the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% during the daytime, decreasing through the evening

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility outside of cloud. Some patchy cloud above 800 metres, this becoming more extensive after dark across the north and west down to 550 metres.

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Forecast for Friday 06 Oct 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	54/71 SW	55/71 SW	53/69 SW	49/65 W	44/58 W	36/47 W	23/29 W	10/13 NE	11/15 SE
900	47/59 SW	51/64 SW	47/60 SW	43/55 SW	39/50 W	28/36 W	15/20 W	7/10 E	8/11 NE
600	32/43 SW	37/51 SW	32/44 SW	30/41 SW	29/41 W	18/26 W	10/14 W	5/7 N	6/11 NE
300	16/36 SW	18/41 SW	17/37 SW	17/36 SW	17/36 SW	9/21 W	5/13 W	4/8 N	6/12 NE
Glen	6/29 SW	7/33 SW	6/31 SW	6/29 SW	8/31 W	6/23 W	4/14 W	2/7 N	2/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	6/-2	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	5/-3	4/-3	4/-2	4/0	3/-0
900	8/2	7/0	7/0	7/1	8/2	7/2	7/3	6/4	6/4
600	10/6	10/5	9/5	10/5	10/6	10/7	9/7	8/7	8/6
300	12/9	11/8	11/8	12/9	13/10	12/11	11/10	10/9	9/8
Glen	12/10	11/8	11/8	12/10	15/12	14/12	12/11	10/9	8/8
Freezing Level*	2300m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2200m	2000m	2500m	2900m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds will reach 80 mph or more across the Cairngorm Plateau at first with widespread upland gales. Winds will moderate by evening. Significant wind chill expected too. Making progress will be slow with a risk of being blown over.

Forecast for Saturday 07 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloudy and rather cold throughout the day with persistent rain, this heavy at times especially in the southwest of the area. There's a chance that rain may turn to sleet and snow for a brief time. Rain may ease off through the evening.

Maximum wind: Easterly 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph on the tops

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, some breaks possible towards west of the A9

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits, but may fall to 1100 metres for a time

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